

Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation

Project Number	EP86/27/24/11-17
Project Proponent	Rural Urban Lab, Faculty of Architecture of The University of Hong Kong
Project Title	Balancing Ecological Sensitivity and Enhancing Experience: Experiments for the Deep Bay Outer Ramsar Site
Target Site	Deep Bay Outer Ramsar Site
Project Description*	<p>The focus of this study is to research innovative solutions for wetland revitalisation on sites located within Deep Bay, but that lie outside of the Ramsar protected area. This area includes fishponds which are actively managed, some which are deteriorating, and some that have been infilled.</p> <p>The project will develop strategies that allow the public to engage in activities in the area without disturbing the natural habitat. The objective is to reimagine how the wetlands can be used to balance conservation with new public attractors.</p> <p>By working with key stakeholders including villagers, fishpond operators and The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society the idea is to design and construct pilot projects that demonstrate the mutual benefit and cooperation needed to balance ecology with public activities.</p> <p>The project will support the continued and sustained ecological value of the site without its further degradation and raise public awareness on the future of Hong Kong's wetlands.</p>
Project Period	1 October 2021 – 31 July 2024
Grant Approved	\$2,998,905

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